



104th Annual Commissioner's Conference for Superintendents

*Sunday River Resort – Jordan Hotel, Newry, Maine
June 28 – 30, 2015*

Agenda

Sunday, June 28

2:00 pm	Registration opens	<i>Alcove</i> Down the hall to left of hotel registration.
5:00 pm	Networking Reception – <i>Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association & Apple</i>	<i>Sliders</i> Down the hall past conference registration.
6:00 pm	Dinner and Recognition Banquet	<i>Birches</i> Across from conference registration.

Monday, June 29

7:00 – 8:30 am	<i>BREAKFAST – (Buffet)</i>	<i>Grand Avenue</i> Located just off the hotel main lobby.
8: 45 – 9:15 General Session	Welcome Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner	<i>Birches</i>
9:15 – 10:15 General Session	Keynote Address The Business and Education Partnership: A Maine Economic Development Strategy Ed Cervone, Educate Maine, Executive Director Recognizing Passion and Potential: Empowerment Through the Teacher of the Year Program Alana Margeson, Caribou High School (RSU 39), 2012 Maine Teacher of the Year Shelly Moody, Williams Elementary School (RSU 18), Oakland, 2011 Maine Teacher of the Year	<i>Birches</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<i>BREAK</i>	

10:30 – 11:30 General Session	Burning Questions from the Field Leadership from the Maine DOE will respond to your questions received through the pre-conference survey. <i>Note: Several questions will be answered during related conference sessions.</i>	<i>Birches</i>
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH – (Buffet)	<i>Birches</i> You are welcome to eat lunch in Birches or take your plate to Grand Avenue (inside or outside on the patio).
12:45 – 1:45 pm General Session	Proficiency-Based Education and Educator Effectiveness Updates Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional Support Diana Doiron, Maine DOE, Specialist, Standards-Based Instruction, Regional Education Rep: Aroostook County This session will highlight changes to the educator effectiveness law as a result of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver renewal and related legislation; biennial budget provisions (if information is available) and an update on the Plan for Equitable Access to Excellent Educators recently submitted by the Maine DOE to the US DE. The proficiency-based education portion of this session will highlight the patterns and trends identified in the 2014-15 statewide site visits, provide information about the extension renewal process, and highlight 2015-16 Maine DOE plans for providing PBE support.	<i>Birches</i>
1:45 – 2:00	BREAK	
2:00 – 3:00 *Two Concurrent Sessions	Data You Can Use Lance Gilman, Maine DOE, Statewide Longitudinal Data System Trainer Bill Hurwitch, Maine DOE, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data System The data team will demonstrate how district administrators can use data available in the education data warehouse to perform analysis, create reports and support decision making. The team will review the available data domains, demonstrate how to compare data with peer districts and schools and how to create ad hoc queries and reports. The team will also demonstrate how to download postsecondary outcomes reports from the National Student Clearinghouse and education research reports from MEPRI and how to access workforce outcome reports. A preview will be given of the next generation data warehouse that is expected to go live later this summer.	<i>Birches</i>

	<p>MSAD 35: Innovative Use of Time: Providing Significant and Consistent Professional Development Time (Birches 2)</p> <p>Dr. Mary Nash, MSAD 35, Superintendent John Caverly, Marshwood Middle School Principal Heidi Early-Hersey, Director of Teaching and Learning</p> <p>Time is a valuable resource noted by every educator. MSAD 35 has developed a formula for an innovative use of professional development time based on customizing the approach school-by-school for the specific and unique needs of teachers. This session will reveal the concerted effort taken to carve out time for professional development through common planning time and targeted professional development opportunities which include flexible teacher time. As a result of their efforts, MSAD 35 has created and implemented an approach that provides significant and consistent professional development time for teachers while simultaneously reinforcing the belief that implementing proficiency-based learning is a concerted PK-12 effort.</p> <p>RSU 39: Learning from Within: Reaching Across Grade Levels to Create the Vision of PBE (Juniper)</p> <p>Alana Margeson, Caribou High School English Teacher Denise Levesque, Caribou High School English Teacher Bethany Thibeault, Teague Park Elementary School Grade 4 Teacher</p> <p>Collaborative culture is often the glue in transformational change and definitely a key ingredient in the K-12 implementation of proficiency-based learning in RSU 39. This session provides a window into the collaborative efforts underway systemically across the district and within classrooms in RSU 39. Through the lens of a unique partnership between grade 4 teachers and high school English teachers, the presenters reveal the positive impact of tapping the collective wisdom within a district in the implementation of its vision for proficiency-based learning.</p>	<p><i>Birches 2</i></p> <p><i>Juniper</i></p>
4:15 – 4:45	<p>New Superintendent Information Session</p> <p>Your opportunity to talk with several Maine DOE staff members and pick up a packet containing information on a variety of Maine DOE teams, programs and initiatives.</p>	<i>Birches</i>
4:15 – 4:45	<p>Regional Superintendent Group Meetings</p> <p>See Jennifer during lunch to arrange your space for your group if you'd like to meet privately.</p>	<p><i>Juniper</i> <i>Spruce</i> <i>Balsam</i> All near conference registration.</p>
4:45 – 5:45	<p>Networking Reception – Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association & HP</p>	<i>Sliders</i>
	<p>Dinner on your own</p>	

Tuesday, June 30

7:00 – 8:30 am	BREAKFAST – (Buffet)	<i>Grand Avenue</i>
8:00 – 8:30	Business Meeting – Maine School Superintendents Association	<i>Juniper</i>
8:45 – 10:15 General Session	Maine DOE Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Grant Management – Joanne Allen Nutrition – Walter Beesley School Finance and Operations – Suzan Beaudoin New Staff Reporting System/Student Truancy – Rick Bergeron School Construction – Scott Brown School Approval – Randy Kassa Legislative Update – Debra Plowman/Jaci Holmes 	<i>Birches</i>
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK	
10:30 – 11:30 General Session	Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver Rachelle Tome, Maine DOE, Chief Academic Office/Acting Deputy Commissioner This session will provide an update of the current status of ESEA Accountability, including expectations for 2014-15, any updates related to Maine's Flexibility renewal request, and the status of reauthorization.	<i>Birches</i>
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH – (Buffet)	<i>Birches</i>
12:45 – 1:45 pm *Two Concurrent Sessions	Educator Effectiveness Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional Support In this session, participants will have the opportunity to review and ask questions about the regulatory and statutory changes related to educator effectiveness, and the intent to pilot survey and readiness guide.	<i>Birches</i>
12:45 – 1:45 *Two Concurrent Sessions	Leveraging Title & IDEA Funds to Support Proficiency-Based Education and Educator Effectiveness Jan Breton, Maine DOE, Director of Special Services Meghan Southworth, Maine DOE, Title IIA Rachelle Tome, Maine DOE, Chief Academic Officer/Acting Deputy Commissioner Chelsey Fortin-Trimble, Maine DOE, Title VI In challenging fiscal times, State and local educational leaders are confronted with challenging decisions to make the best use of their limited resources to meet the educational needs of all students. The purpose of this session is to provide information to School Administrative Units (SAUs) to leverage non-Federal and Federal funds as efficiently and effectively as possible to support proficiency-based education and educator effectiveness. Participants will be provided an overview of ESEA & IDEA funding streams and allowable uses under each program.	<i>Juniper</i>
1:45 – 2:00	BREAK	

2:00 – 3:00 General Session	Learning Through Technology Mike Muir, Maine DOE, Policy Director, Learning Through Technology Team Come learn about what's new and exciting about learning through technology in Maine. Find out about a refreshed focus on learning at MLTI. And about the developing programs to support professional and leadership development and to share engaging, standards aligned curriculum materials. Discover what other programs the Learning Through Technology Team offers.	<i>Birches</i>
3:00 – 3:30	Closing remarks Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner	<i>Birches</i>

One-on-One Technical Assistance

Same day sign-up for individual SAU questions/discussions

****Sign-up sheets will be posted in the conference registration area**

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10:30 – 3:00	Annual School Approval One-On-Ones Randy Kassa, Maine DOE, School Enrollment Specialist	Nap Room (hallway to the right of Birches – 2 nd door on left)
10:30 – 3:00	New Staff System Small Group Presentations Rick Bergeron, Maine DOE, MEDMS Helpdesk Administrator	Day Care (hallway to the right of Birches – 1 st door on left)